MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE* OF INMATES ADMITTED TO SCDC FY 2021

OFFENSE	BLACE	K MALES	BLACK	FEMALES	WHITE MALES		WHITE FEMALES		OTHER MALES		OTHER FEMALES		TOTAL	
CLASSIFICATION	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
DANGEROUS DRUGS	304	18.2%	7	9.3%	424	25.0%	149	40.3%	19	21.8%	4	57.1%	907	23.3%
BURGLARY	246	14.8%	5	6.7%	265	15.6%	35	9.5%	7	8.0%	1	14.3%	559	14.3%
FAMILY OFFENSE	177	10.6%	5	6.7%	178	10.5%	16	4.3%	9	10.3%	0	0.0%	385	9.9%
ASSAULT	193	11.6%	11	14.7%	138	8.1%	19	5.1%	10	11.5%	0	0.0%	371	9.5%
LARCENY	77	4.6%	12	16.0%	125	7.4%	33	8.9%	2	2.3%	0	0.0%	249	6.4%
ROBBERY	167	10.0%	3	4.0%	47	2.8%	4	1.1%	2	2.3%	0	0.0%	223	5.7%
WEAPON OFFENSE	105	6.3%	5	6.7%	56	3.3%	3	0.8%	5	5.7%	0	0.0%	174	4.5%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	50	3.0%	1	1.3%	81	4.8%	19	5.1%	13	14.9%	0	0.0%	164	4.2%
HOMICIDE	96	5.8%	8	10.7%	28	1.7%	11	3.0%	7	8.0%	1	14.3%	151	3.9%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	50	3.0%	0	0.0%	86	5.1%	0	0.0%	10	11.5%	0	0.0%	146	3.7%
STOLEN VEHICLE	53	3.2%	0	0.0%	68	4.0%	7	1.9%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	129	3.3%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	34	2.0%	2	2.7%	26	1.5%	4	1.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	66	1.7%
SEX OFFENSES	29	1.7%	0	0.0%	32	1.9%	3	0.8%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	65	1.7%
FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY	11	0.7%	4	5.3%	28	1.7%	19	5.1%	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	63	1.6%
FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT	8	0.5%	4	5.3%	20	1.2%	17	4.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	49	1.3%
KIDNAPPING	19	1.1%	0	0.0%	10	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	29	0.7%
STOLEN PROPERTY	5	0.3%	0	0.0%	18	1.1%	3	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	26	0.7%
FLIGHT/ESCAPE	8	0.5%	1	1.3%	11	0.6%	4	1.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	24	0.6%
ARSON	2	0.1%	1	1.3%	15	0.9%	4	1.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	22	0.6%
ACCESSORY TO FELONY	10	0.6%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	5	1.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	16	0.4%
INVASION	3	0.2%	0	0.0%	11	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	14	0.4%
PROPERTY CRIME	5	0.3%	1	1.3%	6	0.4%	1	0.3%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	14	0.4%
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY	4	0.2%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	5	1.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11	0.3%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	4	0.2%	2	2.7%	4	0.2%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11	0.3%
SMUGGLING	0	0.0%	1	1.3%	2	0.1%	6	1.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	0.2%
PUBLIC PEACE	3	0.2%	1	1.3%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.2%
POSSESSION TOOLS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.1%
CRIME AGAINST PERSON	0	0.0%	1	1.3%	2	0.1%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
CONSERVATION	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
MISPRISON TO FELONY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
COMMERCIALIZED SEX	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
DRUNKENNESS	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
COSMETIC ADULTERATED	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
MISC CHARGES	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
TOTAL	1,666	100.0%	75	100.0%	1,694	100.0%	370	100.0%	87	100.0%	7	100.0%	3,899	100.0%

^{*}Highlighted areas indicate most common offenses for each demographic group. Inmates often are committed to SCDC with many offenses, with each carrying a specific sentence, county of commitment, etc. To facilitate statistical reporting, SCDC determines a single "most serious offense" (MSO) for each inmate. Before August 2005, the offense with the longest sentence determined MSO. Effective August 2005, inmates' MSO is the offense with the highest severity level (i.e. offenses are classified between severity level 1 and 5, with 5 as the most severe). In cases where an inmate has multiple offenses at the same severity level, SCDC considers the category of each offense, where homicide offenses take precedence, followed by sex offenses and violent offenses. If multiple offenses exist within the same category, the offense with the longest sentence then determines MSO. Because of this definitional change, post-2005 MSO data cannot be compared to pre-2005 MSO data.

Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.

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